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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

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1. BERLIN NEWSPAPERS TAGESSPIEGEL AND ABEND ON MARCH 6
AND FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE MARCH 8 AS WELL AS DPA
CARRY BRIEF STORIES REPORTING THAT GDR FOREIGN OFFICE
REP CALLED ON SENAT MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION AS
WELL AS GDR THREATS ON S-BAHN SERVICE.
STORIES NOTE THAT GDR INDICATED IT HAD
DONE ALL IT REQUIRED TO DO TO PERMIT IT TO CARRY OUT CON-
STRUCTION WORK, THAT SENAT HAD SAID FRG WAS COMPETENT PARTY
TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF DECEMBER 19 INNER-GERMAN
PACKAGE AGREEMENT AND THAT, ACCORDING TO BONN SOURCES,
GAUS HAD HELD PARALLEL MEETING MARCH 5 WITH DEPUTY GDR
TRANSPORT MINISTER SCHLIMPER (SIC).

2. EXCEPT FOR SLIGHTLY GARBLED DESCRIPTION OF GAUS MEETING
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WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN BONN, WE UNDER-

STAND SENAT WAS SOURCE OF THESE STORIES. HEAD OF
CHANCELLORY HERZ SAID SENAT FELT IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE
BUT TO CONFIRM THAT TALKS HAD TAKEN PLACE. WE WILL
TAKE STEPS THROUGH SENATLIAISON OFFICERS TO REMIND
SENAT THAT PUBLICITY IS NOT IN OUR COMMON INTEREST
AT THIS POINT AND THAT WE HOPE FURTHER STATEMENTS
TO PRESS CAN BE AVOIDED.GEORGE

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